

**Air Quality Conformity Task Force
Summary Meeting Notes
March 22, 2012**

The inter-agency consultation for this meeting was conducted via e-mail. Brenda Dix (MTC) emailed the Air Quality Conformity Task Force meeting packet on March 12, 2012. The Task Force provided their comments and proposed actions to MTC staff via email between March 22 and March 27, 2012.

Participants:

Mike Brady – Caltrans

Dick Fahey – Caltrans

Ginger Vagenas – EPA

Ted Matley – FTA

Stew Sonnenberg– FHWA

Brenda Dix – MTC

- 1. PM_{2.5} Interagency Consultations:** On March 12, 2012, Brenda Dix (MTC) emailed the Task Force project assessment forms for review.

a. POAQC Status Determinations

San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA): Chinatown Safe Routes to School

On March 12, 2012, Brenda Dix (MTC) made the following recommendation:

“MTC believes this project is not a POAQC. The majority of the project is a straightforward pedestrian improvements to encourage walking to school. The traffic signal that will be installed as part of this project is at an intersection with extremely low truck traffic that will not be altered by the project. Also, the intersection operates at a LOS A in both the build and no-build conditions. For these reasons, MTC considers this project to not be a POAQC.”

On March 12, 2012, Dick Fahey (Caltrans) emailed the Task Force that he concurred with Brenda’s recommendation.

On March 19, 2012, Mike Brady (Caltrans) emailed the Task Force that he concurred with Brenda’s recommendation.

On March 23, 2012, Ted Matley (FTA) and Stew Sonnenberg (FHWA) emailed the Task Force that they concurred with Brenda’s recommendation.

On March 27, 2012, Ginger Vagenas (EPA) emailed the Task Force that she concurred with Brenda’s recommendation.

Final Determination: FHWA, Caltrans, EPA, FTA, and MTC concurred that this project is not a POAQC.

Albany: Albany-Buchanan Bicycle and Pedestrian Path

On March 12, 2012, Brenda Dix (MTC) made the following recommendation:

“This project is primarily a bicycle and pedestrian path project which is exempt from PM 2.5; however, the sponsor is installing an intersection which requires Task Force review. The truck traffic levels are only 2% at the proposed intersection which is about 600 trucks/day. This is far below the level that would lead to a PM 2.5 hot spot. The project will actually increase LOS at the intersection from F to A which is an overall benefit to the local air quality. For these reasons, MTC does not find this project to be a POAQC.”

On March 12, 2012, Dick Fahey (Caltrans) emailed the Task Force that he concurred with Brenda’s recommendation.

On March 19, 2012, Mike Brady (Caltrans) emailed the Task Force that he concurred with Brenda’s recommendation.

On March 23, 2012, Ted Matley (FTA) and Stew Sonnenberg (FHWA) emailed the Task Force that they concurred with Brenda’s recommendation.

On March 27, 2012, Ginger Vagenas (EPA) emailed the Task Force that she concurred with Brenda’s recommendation.

Final Determination: FHWA, Caltrans, EPA, FTA, and MTC concurred that this project is not a POAQC.

b. PM_{2.5} Conformity Exempt List Review: On March 12, 2012, Brenda Dix (MTC) made the following recommendation:

“MTC agrees with the sponsor selected exemption codes for all projects on the exempt list.”

On March 12, 2012, Dick Fahey (Caltrans) emailed the Task Force that he concurred with Brenda’s recommendation.

On March 19, 2012, Mike Brady (Caltrans) emailed the Task Force that he concurred with Brenda’s recommendation.

On March 23, 2012, Ted Matley (FTA) and Stew Sonnenberg (FHWA) emailed the Task Force that they concurred with Brenda’s recommendation.

On March 27, 2012, Ginger Vagenas (EPA) emailed the Task Force that she concurred with Brenda’s recommendation.

Final Determination: FHWA, Caltrans, EPA, FTA, and MTC concurred that all projects listed on the PM_{2.5} Conformity Exempt List are exempt from PM_{2.5} project level analysis.

2. Consent Calendar: On March 12, 2012, Brenda Dix (MTC) made the following recommendation:

“MTC approves all items on the exempt calendar.”

On March 12, 2012, Dick Fahey (Caltrans) emailed the Task Force that he concurred with Brenda's recommendation.

On March 19, 2012, Mike Brady (Caltrans) emailed the Task Force that he concurred with Brenda's recommendation.

On March 23, 2012, Ted Matley (FTA) and Stew Sonnenberg (FHWA) emailed the Task Force that they concurred with Brenda's recommendation.

On March 27, 2012, Ginger Vagenas (EPA) emailed the Task Force that she concurred with Brenda's recommendation.

Final Determination: All items on the consent calendar were approved by FHWA, Caltrans, EPA, FTA and MTC.

3. Other Business/Adjourn

The next meeting is April 26, 2012.

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